

## United States Border Patrol San Diego Sector Public Information Office 2411 Boswell Road San Diego, California 91914-3519 (619) 216-4182



## PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: June 16, 2000

## BUS INSPECTIONS DELIVER THREE SEIZURES

**San Clemente, California:** Yesterday proved to be a busy day for Border Patrol Agents working at the San Clemente Checkpoint. Between the hours of 6:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m., agents made three separate seizures involving illicit narcotics and illegally imported pharmaceuticals. Each of the seizures occurred while agents were inspecting commercial buses.

The first two seizures involved illegally imported pharmaceuticals. At approximately 6:30 p.m. an agent inspecting the cargo area of a Greyhound bus noticed some cardboard boxes which appeared to be unusually heavy. When neither of the passengers claimed ownership of the boxes the agent inspected the contents and discovered 50 injection ampoules and suspended solution Amoxil packages. The boxes were addressed to an address in Fresno, California. The second seizure occurred approximately forty-five minutes later while an agent was inspecting a different Greyhound bus and noticed several cardboard boxes in the cargo area with the same Fresno, California address. An inspection of the contents led to the discovery of 37 packages of Betametasona and various medical supplies. The importation of pharmaceuticals without a prescription or above the \$400.00 per person threshold is a violation of law.

The third seizure occurred at approximately 11:30 p.m. while agents were inspecting an Amtrak shuttle bus. A drug-sniffing dog discovered ten pounds of marijuana in an unclaimed bag. The marijuana, valued at \$8,000, was turned over to the California Highway Patrol.

No further information is available.